

HOUSE RESOLUTION 285

By Cobb

A RESOLUTION relative to the location of a veterans' hospital in Roane County.

WHEREAS, East Tennessee is in great need of a medical facility to serve its brave veterans; and

WHEREAS, because of Roane County's central location, the location of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital there would serve approximately 80,000 veterans in the region; and

WHEREAS, presently, veterans living in Roane County must travel 275 miles round trip to access hospital care; this extensive travel creates a hardship for most of these veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harriman is willing to donate the facility that presently houses the Roane Medical Center to the Veterans Administration; the facility will be vacated in December 2012; and

WHEREAS the location of a VA hospital in Harriman would provide a central location between two existing VA hospitals in Murfreesboro and the Tri-Cities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to better serving the medical needs of our veterans, the location of a VA medical facility in Harriman would greatly enhance veterans' resources, create new jobs and businesses, and provide additional revenue streams in Roane County; and

WHEREAS, our veterans have sacrificed a great deal in defending and protecting our nation, and the State of Tennessee and the federal government should work together to adequately provide for the medical needs of these valiant citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby offer our

strong and stalwart support of the location of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital at the Roane Medical Center facility in Harriman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation to use the full measure of his or her power and influence to facilitate the location of a VA hospital in Harriman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.